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Office Memorandum

TO

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Solid and Hazardous Waste Division

FROM

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SUBJECT

HAZARDOUS/NONHAYARDOUS DETERMINATION ON CONTAMINATED

SOILS FROM GENERAL MILLS DISPOSAL SITE

PHONE:

US EPA RECORDS CENTER REGION 5

DATE: September 13, 1982



General Mills, Incorporated disposed of organic chemical wastes in a soil absorption pit at its former research facility located at 2010 East Hennepin Avenue in southeast Minneapolis between the years 1947 and 1962. The site is currently owned by the Henkel Corporation.

General Mills has been investigating the ground water conditions underneath and around the disposal site. Investigation results indicate ground water contamination by volatile halogenated and nonhalogenated hydrocarbons. Currently, General Mills is expanding its ground water investigation in order to determine the extent of the contaminant plume. General Mills has also indicated an interest in investigating remedial action alternatives at the disposal site.

Excavation of contaminated soils has been discussed as a possible remedial action. I would like to receive assistance from your Unit in identifying soil testing protocol in order to determine if excavated soils would be classified as hazardous or nonhazardous waste based on both state and federal hazardous waste rules. Could you assign one of your staff members to this project to assist me in developing a soil testing protocol for these soils? If so, please have the assigned staff person contact me. Thank you.

LJT/dc

cc: Gordon W. Meyer, Chief, Regulatory Compliance Section, Solid and Hazardous Waste Division



